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Secretariat of North Florida Tres Dias

MINUTES

Crossroads Church, Beachton, GA

APRIL 23, 2024

6:09 PM



MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Fowler, Chairman
Felisha Mitchell, Spiritual Community Director
Cindy Croley, Secretary
Sean Nyberg, Treasurer
Dude Settegren, Weekend Couple
Bobby & Becky Strahan, PO Couple
Bruce & Jaime Hale, Food Couple
Chad & Amanda Slayton, Procurement Couple
Kay King, Women's Leader
Jen Hamilton, ½ Pre-Weekend Couple
Jay Hayes, Data Management
Jessica Whitfield, ½ Palanca Couple

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rodney Whitfield, ½ Palanca Couple
Jason Hamilton, ½ Pre-Weekend Couple
Michael & Shea Sanders, Fourth Day Couple
Deanna Settegren, ½ Weekend Couple

VISITORS:

Tina Kilgore	Tim & Lynn Martin
Ron Vankunnan	Bruce King
Chris Ambrose	Tom & Renee Van Gundy
Kristin Bailey	Michael Mitchell
Jason Stanley & Nicole Stanley	Hal & Desi Glover
Mary Bailey	Ronda Fowler
Mark & Karen Savage	

WELCOME / LIGHTING OF CANDLE / OPENING PRAYER / DEVOTION / COMMUNION

Chairman, Andy Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

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Felisha Mitchell shared devotion: Psalms 100:1-5 - Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Felisha shared this scripture is a self explanation that was seen on the move of God on Weekend #67. There was flexibility and everyone wanted to honor God. It makes you thankful. We are nothing without Him, feel gratitude when He gives.

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The minutes may reflect the actual sequence of events as discussed rather than the original agenda order.

Approval / Corrections of March 2024 Minutes - Minutes were not approved they were quoting an email verbatim Andy Fowler sent to TDI the wording that says - Our understanding from Jeff is that when the commissioning of the candidates is complete, we are no longer in a cloistered environment. Therefore, they agreed there should be no problem with the spouse giving the Spouse talk after the commissioning since it is not a cloistered environment. **The Rules Committee will be penning our policy related to Spouse Talks given by Clergy (The Rector's Talk 2.8.2).**

REPORTS

1. Financial Report, Sean Nyberg, Treasurer

Investment account - \$12,247.03, Operating account - \$19,124.35, Weekend account - \$897.87, Food account - \$319.17, Savings Account - \$1,000.19, Total Synovus - \$21,323.58, Grand Total - \$33,570.61. The mattress fund donation is \$1,155.00. Chris Ambrose donated \$4,450.00 by not submitting receipts for Men's #67.

2. Weekend #67 Reports

- **Kay King, Women's Leader-** Kay deferred to Tina Kilgore. She said it was a great weekend. God had full control all weekend. Those who walked the journey with her were concerned about what TDI was going to say about Roger giving the Spouse Talk. She assured everyone we did not want to lose the charter and not to lock out the Holy Spirit. She and Roger prayed about the situation and decided he would give his talk during closing so the candidates could hear his heart. TDI was wrong to want to do away with the Spouse Talk.

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We must unite and pray for unity and trust for God's work to be done and carry out God's perfect will. God is first. She stated Rules are Rules but be aware, TDI is coming for the Spouse Talk and Serenade.

- **Marden McClamma, Men's Leader** - Chris Ambrose had no complaints from his weekend. It was a wonderful weekend and Jason Stanley did an amazing job as Observing Rector. Ron Vunkannon was a wonderful Backup Rector. God was certainly present, lives were changed. They knew when to cry Holy, Holy, Holy and when to laugh.

3. Pre-Weekend, Jason & Jen Hamilton

Jen Hamilton advised she has received two application for Fall weekend and still has some from the waiting list that could not attend Weekend #67.

4. Sequela Update, Michael & Shea Sanders

Michael and Shea Sanders were not present. The next Sequela will be the Victory Sequela at Abundant Life Binders & Believers on 05/11/24 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish.

5. P.O Couple

Becky Strahan advised the next PO training will be on 08/03/24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Victory Fellowship Church in Thomasville.

6. Other Member Reports

- Bruce and Jaime Hale-Food Couple praised both the Men and Women's Weekend team for not purchasing extra food.
- Clint Willis suggested that Andy Fowler, Dude Settegren, and Sean Nyberg sit down with Doug Mabry at the campground to make sure everyone is on the same page. Dude said he may begin staying on Sunday nights after closing, then go over to the campground on Monday and do a walk thru to make sure everything is okay.

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BUSINESS

1. LifePoint Church, Victory Fellowship, and ALBB offered to host Secretariat and Team Meetings. Lynn Martin suggested we keep the meeting in Florida since our charter is North Florida Tres Dias. This item will be put on the agenda for May to be voted on.
2. Felisha Mitchell advised she will put a teaching blurb for Spiritual Directors serving on a weekend. She will also create a list of qualified Spiritual Directors that will be approved by the Secretariat to provide to the upcoming Rectors. An application for the Spiritual Director is on the NFTD website. You DO NOT have to be ordained to serve as a Spiritual Director. Mary Bailey asked that any clergy who are interested in serving on a weekend to reach out to the Community Spiritual Director.
3. Becky Strahan spoke on Community Resources, Policy Committee Position Paper for Scriptural Basis for the Qualifications for Community Leadership, Policy Community Position Paper for Review of Cloister as it Applies to the Tres Dias Weekend, and The Essentials of Tres Dias. She advised we need to come together and be united and also be in compliance with Essentials.
4. The Selection Committee met on 02/19/24 and 04/15/24 with the following recommendations:

Newsletter Couple - Aaron and Iris Loudermilk

Fourth Day Couple - Kyle and Stephanie Hatcher

Food Couple - Tom and Renee Van Gundy

Community Spiritual Director - Kyle Moye and Tim Martin (Kyle Moye was voted to be the Community Spiritual Director)

5. Mark Savage read a letter he wrote to the Secretariat about his concerns of the meeting in March between our community and TDI. He suggested three things that the Secretariat needed to do the following:
 1. **The Secretariat should write a letter of apology to the TDI visitors**
 2. **Rewrite Policy & Procedure 2.8.2 (Rector's Talk) back to its original language**
 3. **If we want Spiritual Directors to be able to give the Spouse Talk, respectfully petition TDI to make an exception for the Spouse Talk or get them to reclassify the talk as a non-lay talk.**

Tom Van Gundy suggested that going forward we follow the rules for future clergy giving the Spouse Talk.

Bobby Strahan made a motion to send two couples in the community to address TDI concerning the Spouse Talk for Clergy and to address handling and possibly reclassifying of the Spouse Talk. We need to get a better understanding of their position and open the dialogue with an apology. The motion was seconded by Dude Settegren.

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6. Andy Fowler read the TDI Proxy Ballot Information sent from TDI. The Secretariat voted YES on each of the following ballots:
Proxy Vote 2: Budget 2025
Proxy Vote 3: Change to the By-Laws
Proxy Vote 4: Change to the section 3.2.4 of Essentials of Tres Dias
7. By-Laws 6.9.13 under Date Coordinator, the first paragraph belongs under the Pescadore Couple
8. Rector Selection - Weekend #69 (**Executive Session, Top 3 were voted on**)

SECRETARIAT SPECIAL GROUP PRAYER PALANCA TIME FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES AND WEEKENDS AND CLOSING PRAYER.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 09:00 p.m. with Jen Hamilton giving the closing prayer. At 9:05 p.m., the Secretariat entered into Executive Session. The meeting is private and no minutes are recorded.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2024 at Abundant Life Binders and Believers in Cairo, Georgia

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Croley, Secretary.

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